

HOUSE BILL 3286
By Chumney

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 67,
relative to sports authorities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-67-108, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting instead the following:

(1) The authority shall have a board of directors in which all corporate powers of the authority shall be vested. The board shall consist of not less than seven (7) directors, all of whom shall be duly qualified voters of the municipality. A director shall serve without compensation, except that the authority may reimburse a director for actual expenses incurred in the performance of a director's duties. A director may not be an elected official or employee of the municipality. The governing body of the municipality shall appoint the directors. The directors shall have staggered terms.

(2) When the initial board of directors is appointed, the governing body of the municipality shall divide the directors into three (3) groups containing substantially equal numbers. The initial term of the directors included in the first group shall be two (2) years; the initial term of the directors included in the second group shall be four (4) years; the initial term of the directors included in the third group shall be six (6) years. All subsequent terms of directors shall be six (6) years; provided, however, if at the expiration of any term of office of any director, a successor has not been appointed, the

director whose term of office has expired shall continue to hold office until the director's successor is appointed.

(3) In the case of authorities created pursuant to the approval of two (2) or more municipalities acting jointly, as provided in §7-67-120, the number of directors appointed by the governing body of each municipality shall be as nearly equal as practicable.

(4) In counties having a metropolitan form of government and in municipalities having a population of more than six hundred thousand (600,000) according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census, the chief executive officer shall appoint the directors. The governing body of the metropolitan government or of such municipality shall by resolution confirm the appointments of the chief executive officer. When the chief executive officer makes the initial appointments, the chief executive officer shall designate which directors serve an initial term of two (2), four (4) and six (6) years respectively. Not less than one (1) director shall be a female and not less than one (1) director shall be a racial minority.

(5) If a vacancy occurs in the position of director, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original term for the remainder of the unexpired term.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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